Faculty Member Contact Information

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1 Unfunded URCA Assistant

	This position is ONLY open to students who have declared a major in this discipline.	M
X	This project deals with social justice issues.	•
	This project deals with sustainability (green) issues.	
	This project deals with human health and wellness issues.	+
	This project deals with community outreach.	₩
X	This mentor's project is interdisciplinary in nature.	I

Are you willing to work with students from outside of your discipline? If yes, which other disciplines?

• Yes, Any behavioral field

How many hours per week will your student(s) be required to work in this position? (Minimum is 6 hours per week; typical is 9)

• 8 hours

Will it be possible for your student(s) to earn course credit?

• Yes—ECON 490 (1-3 credit hours)

Location of research/creative activities:

N/A

Brief description of the nature of the research/creative activity?

This project will examine potential bias in referee calls in the last two minutes of close NBA games. We will be examining the potential role of gambling markets as well as testing to see if prior findings of racism continue to persist among NBA referees.

Brief description of student responsibilities?

The student will be gathering data on gambling "money lines" as well as identifying skin pigmentation of NBA players.

URCA Assistant positions are designed to provide students with *research or creative activities* experience. As such, there should be measurable, appropriate outcome goals. What exactly should your student(s) have learned by the end of this experience?

- 1. How to manually build a data set.
- 2. How to run a quantitative analysis.
- 3. How to present and publish academic findings.

Requirements of Students

If the position(s) require students to be available at certain times each week (as opposed to them being able to set their own hours) please indicate all required days and times:

N/A

If the location of the research/creative activities involves off campus work, must students provide their own transportation?

• N/A

Must students have taken any prerequisite classes? Please list classes and preferred grades:

- Required: One completed semester of statistics.
- Ideally students will have completed at least two semesters of statistics.

Other requirements or notes to applicants:

• N/A